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METHOD FOR OPERATING A DIRECT ) CONFIRMATION NO.: 9861  
INJECTION DIESEL ENGINE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to initial evaluation, please amend this application as follows: